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SECOND OIL RESERVE TANKER DUE HERE IN MARCH

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HONG KONG'S FLOATING RESERVES OF FUEL OIL FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION HAVE BEEN BOOSTED BY A FURTHER CARGO OF OVER 123 000 METRIC TONS OF OIL ON BOARD THE TANKER +SEA BREEZE+.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE TANKER LEFT ON TUESDAY FROM ROTTERDAM, WHERE PART OF THE CARGO WAS LOADED, HAVING EARLIER LOADED THE REST OF THE CARGO IN MILFORD HAVEN IN ENGLAND.

THE SHIP IS NOW STEAMING TO HONG KONG AT ITS MOST ECONOMICAL CRUISING SPEED, WHICH WILL BRING IT TO HONG KONG BY MID-MARCH. IT COULD BE SPEEDED UP TO ARRIVE HERE BY THE END OF FEBRUARY IF REQUIRED.

THE TANKER +STRAITS DAHLIA+, WITH OVER 74 000 METRIC TONS OF FUEL OIL ON BOARD, ARRIVED IN HONG KONG ON DECEMBER 31 AND IS NOW MOORED WEST OF THE NINEPIN GROUP OF ISLANDS.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE CARGOES ON BOARD THESE TWO TANKERS, AMOUNTING TO JUST UNDER 200 000 METRIC TONS, REPRESENTED ABOUT 30 DAYS CONSUMPTION OF FUEL OIL FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION.

+THE CARGOES THUS ACHIEVE THE TARGET OF THE FLOATING FUEL OIL RESERVE SCHEME, WHICH IS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY OWENSBORD ENTERPRISES LTD., A COMPANY SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT LAST YEAR WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE TWO POWER COMPANIES, ESSO AND SHELL,+ HE SAID.

THE OIL ON BOTH TANKERS IS INTENDED FOR LONG TERM STORAGE, AS A RESERVE AGAINST ANY DISRUPTION OF SUPPLIES OF OIL FROM HONG KONG'S USUAL SOURCES. IT WILL BE DISCHARGED LATER THIS YEAR INTO LAND TANKS WHICH ARE NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED AT THE NEW POWER STATIONS ON LAMMA ISLAND AND AT CASTLE PEAK.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE OIL ON BOARD THE +SEA BREEZE+ WAS PURCHASED ON DECEMBER 30 AT A PRICE OF US\$224.75 PER TON, WHICH WAS IN LINE WITH MARKET RATES PREVAILING AT THAT TIME FOR OIL TO BE LOADED IN NORTH-WEST EUROPE.

HE SAID THE COSTS OF THE STORAGE SCHEME, INVOLVING THE TWO TANKERS, WOULD BE MET THROUGH THE FUEL VARIATION CLAUSE, WITH AN INCREASE OF ABOUT ONE-AND-A-HALF PER CENT ON CONSUMERS' BILLS. THE COST OF THE OIL ITSELF WOULD NOT BE PASSED ON TO CONSUMERS UNTIL IT WAS ACTUALLY BURNT, WHICH MIGHT NOT TAKE PLACE FOR SOME TIME.

+IN THE WAKE OF SPIRALLING OIL PRICES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +THE TIMELY PURCHASE OF THIS FUEL OIL RESERVE COULD EVENTUALLY BENEFIT CONSUMERS.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ADVICE OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WAS BEING SOUGHT AS TO A SUITABLE MOORING FOR THE +SEA BREEZE+ WHEN IT ARRIVES IN HONG KONG WATERS. BECAUSE OF THE DEPTH OF WATER REQUIRED BY THE SHIP, IT MIGHT NOT BE FEASIBLE TO MOOR IT CLOSE TO THE +STRAITS DAHLIA+.

COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE TO BE EXPANDED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS EMBARKED ON AN EXPANSION PROGRAMME FOR COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE WHICH WILL DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF OPERATING CENTRES AND INCREASE THE ANNUAL OUTPUT OF COMMUNITY NURSES BY 20 PER CENT.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR S.H.LEE, SAID THIS DURING A GRADUATION CEREMONY OF 117 COMMUNITY NURSES THIS AFTERNOON.

HE SAID 21 NEW CENTRES WERE PLANNED FOR THE NEW TOWNS SUCH AS SHA TIN, TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND ALSO FOR THE URBAN AREAS.

SIX OF THESE NEW CENTRES WILL BE OPENED THIS YEAR.

THE GRADUATES WHO RECEIVED THEIR CERTIFICATES TODAY COMPRISED REGISTERED AND ENROLLED NURSES WHO HAD SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED FOUR-MONTH TRAINING COURSES JOINTLY CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND SEVEN VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

DR LEE POINTED OUT THAT OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS, COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE HAD PROVED TO BE POPULAR AMONG THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND INCREASINGLY APPRECIATED BY THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

+THE INCREASE IN THE DEMAND FOR THE SERVICE IS EVIDENT BY A 38 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS FROM 5 000 IN 1977 TO 7 000 IN 1980,+ HE SAID.

AS THE VALUE OF THE COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE IN WHICH PATIENTS ARE CARED FOR IN THE HOME SURROUNDINGS WITH PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN RECOGNISED, DR LEE SAID, THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS ESTIMATED THAT AN ADDITIONAL 700 NURSES WILL BE REQUIRED BY THE END OF THE DECADE.

IN ORDER TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING DEMAND OF THE SERVICE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN STEPS TO EXPAND THE TRAINING CAPACITY OF COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE.

FROM APRIL ONWARD, STUDENT INTAKE OF EACH COURSE WILL BE INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT FROM 25 TO 30 SO THAT 90 NURSES WILL JOIN THE SERVICE EVERY YEAR IN FUTURE.

DR LEE EXPLAINED THAT COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE PROVIDES FOLLOW-UP TREATMENT FOR CONVALESCENT OR CHRONIC PATIENTS WHO DO NOT REQUIRE INTENSIVE MEDICAL CARE IN A HOSPITAL, AND CATERS, IN PARTICULAR, TO GERIATRIC PATIENTS, AND THE HANDICAPPED WHO HAVE DIFFICULTY IN ATTENDING FOLLOW-UP CLINICS.

THE GOVERNMENT BEGAN SUBVENTING VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS OPERATING THE SERVICE IN APRIL 1977, AND TWO YEARS LATER, THE SERVICE WAS FORMALLY RECOGNISED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOVERNMENT HAD UNDERTAKEN ALSO A PHASED EXPANSION PROGRAMME OF THE SERVICE AND PARTICIPATED DIRECTLY BY PROVIDING SERVICES BASED IN THE MAIN GOVERNMENT REGIONAL HOSPITALS.

WIDOW/WIDOWER FAMILIES RECEIVE +LAI SEE+ PACKETS
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THREE HUNDRED WIDOW AND WIDOWER FAMILIES FROM LAI CHI KOK AREA WERE TODAY GIVEN A LUNAR NEW YEAR +LAI SEE+ PACKET OF \$100 EACH FROM THE TANG SHIU-KIN/HO TIM CHARITABLE FUND.

THEY WERE THE FIRST OUT OF ABOUT 2 500 FAMILIES TO RECEIVE THE FESTIVE GRANT FROM THE FUND, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE AS ITS TRUSTEE.

THIS AFTERNOON, THE DIRECTOR, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, AND THE FOUNDERS OF THE FUND, SIR SHIU-KIN TANG AND MR HO TIM, PRESENTED THE RED PACKETS TO SOME OF THE FAMILIES AT THE TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE DEPARTMENT IS DISTRIBUTING THE MONEY PACKETS THROUGH ITS 26 SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS TO WIDOW OR WIDOWER FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

THE CHARITABLE FUND WAS FOUNDED IN 1977 TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES FACING HARDSHIPS.

IN THE LAST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1980, THE FUND PAID OUT MORE THAN \$416 000 AS GRANTS. SIXTEEN DONATIONS AMOUNTING TO ABOUT \$393 000 WERE RECEIVED IN THE SAME PERIOD.

THE FUND HELPS PEOPLE TO COPE WITH HARDSHIPS ARISING FROM UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH AS THE DEATH OF A BREADEARNER, AN ACCIDENT TO A FAMILY MEMBER, OR SUDDEN OR PROLONGED SERIOUS ILLNESS.

IT PROVIDES CASH GRANTS TO FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUALS TO MAINTAIN A CHILD THROUGH HIS EDUCATION, OR TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT SUCH AS WHEELCHAIRS NOT OBTAINABLE FROM ANY OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCE AS A RESULT OF THE HARDSHIPS.

GRANTS ARE ALSO GIVEN TO MEET SPECIAL NEEDS AND EXPENSES ARISING FROM PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY, CHRONIC ILLNESS, HOUSE MOVING, AND ADDITION OF CLOTHINGS OR OTHER ESSENTIAL ITEMS OVER FESTIVE PERIODS.

IN PARTICULAR, THE FUND HELPS MEET URGENT NEEDS ARISING FROM NATURAL DISASTERS AND COVERS THE BASIC FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THOSE WHO DO NOT QUALIFY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS MAY BE MADE TO THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, PO LEUNG KUK OR THE HEADQUARTERS AND DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

SOCIAL WORKERS OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES MAY ALSO REFER HARDSHIP CASES REQUIRING URGENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE FUND AT THE PO LEUNG KUK, OR TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION LAW EFFECTIVE ON FEBRUARY 1
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A NOTICE ANNOUNCING THAT THE STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION ORDINANCE WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON FEBRUARY 1, 1981 WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE GAZETTE WILL ALSO CONTAIN ANOTHER NOTICE ISSUED BY THE SECURITIES COMMISSION UNDER SECTION 25 OF THE STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION ORDINANCE. IT SPECIFIES WHAT ASSETS WILL BE CONSIDERED AS +APPROVED ASSETS+, AND WHAT LIABILITIES AS +RANKING LIABILITIES+, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE CAPITAL REQUIREMENT WHICH WILL BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION WHEN TRADING ON THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE COMMENCES.

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CLEAN UP COMPETITION IN TAI WAI
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A DISTRICT-WIDE CLEAN-UP COMPETITION WAS LAUNCHED TODAY AT TAI WAI, SHA TIN.

THE TWO-DAY EXERCISE IS PART OF A CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE TAI WAI VILLAGE COMMITTEE, TAI WAI YMCA, SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE URBAN SERVICES DISTRICT OFFICE.

IN THE EXERCISE TAI WAI STUDENTS WILL HELP CLEAR REFUSE AND DISCARD ARTICLES FROM VARIOUS BLACK SPOTS WHILE THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE BACK-UP SERVICE TO REMOVE THE RUBBISH.

CLEANSING STAFF OF THE URBAN SERVICES DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HELP RESIDENTS TO CLEAN UP CANOPIES.

TO MARK THE EVENT, SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MR WAI HON-LEUNG, DISTRICT OFFICER DR PATRICK HASE, AND URBAN SERVICES OFFICER MR IP SHING-WAI, OFFICIATED AT A BRIEF CEREMONY AT TAI WAI PLAYGROUND TODAY.

ADDRESSING THE GATHERING, DR HASE SAID THE SUCCESS OF THE DISTRICT CAMPAIGN WOULD MEAN A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT AND A MORE PLEASANT LIVING PLACE FOR THE RESIDENTS.

DR HASE URGED ALL OTHER SHA TIN VILLAGES TO START THEIR OWN TRADITIONAL YEAR-END CLEAN-UP FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

MEMBERS OF THE COMPETITION'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE WILL VISIT BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC AREAS TOMORROW TO SELECT THE WINNERS.

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE TOMORROW FOR TAI PO BADMINTON TOURNAMENT
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TAI PO RESIDENTS INTERESTED IN TAKING PART IN A DISTRICT-WIDE BADMINTON TOURNAMENT MUST SEND IN THEIR APPLICATIONS BY TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE LATEST.

THE TOURNAMENT, ORGANISED BY TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, IS OPEN TO ALL PEOPLE LIVING, WORKING OR STUDYING IN THE DISTRICT.

ENTRANTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SECTIONS, WITH THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS IN EACH SECTION LIMITED TO 32.

A TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THERE WERE STILL A FEW VACANCIES. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE AT THE LOCAL RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OFFICE OR THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION OFFICE. APPLICATIONS WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE.

MATCHES WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 15, FEBRUARY 22, MARCH 1 AND MARCH 8 AT SHENG KUNG WUI BISHOP MOK SHAU TSENG SECONDARY SCHOOL.

WINNERS WILL REPRESENT THE DISTRICT IN A NEW TERRITORIES INTER-DISTRICT BADMINTON COMPETITION IN OCTOBER.

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NEW BOOKLET ON MARINE LAWS
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A NEW PUBLICATION ENTITLED +HONG KONG SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL LAWS+ IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$5 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

THE BOOKLET, PUBLISHED IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH IS A LAYMAN'S GUIDE TO THE PRINCIPAL ASPECTS OF THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL ORDINANCE AND ITS REGULATIONS, WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT IN TWO STAGES - IN DECEMBER 1978 AND JULY 1979.

SHIPOWNERS AND MASTERS OF OCEAN-GOING AND LOCAL VESSELS, SHIPPING AGENTS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES WILL ALSO FIND THIS BOOKLET A USEFUL GUIDE TO LOCAL MARINE LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS.

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TRAFFIC DIVERSION IN TUEN MUN HIGHWAY

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WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 30), EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ALONG TUEN MUN ROAD TRAVELLING IN THE DIRECTION OF TSUEN WAN WILL BE DIVERTED ONTO THE NEWLY-COMPLETED EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY AT THE SHAM TSENG SECTION OF THE HIGHWAY.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

MEANWHILE, MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT BETWEEN 9.45 AM AND 12.30 PM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 31), KAM TIN BY-PASS WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL HONG KONG OPEN MARATHON.

POLICEMEN WILL BE ON HAND TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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